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NOTE TO: LTG James A. Williams, USA
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

Jim --

With respect to your memo of 14 June
(C-1209/DE), I completely concur with your
understanding of the DCI's policy that all
U&S Commands will receive the national
estimates that fall within their area of
responsibility and your description of
how these estimates will be distributed.

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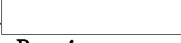

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Mr. Robert M. Gates
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Dear Bob,

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I recently received a question from a J-2 of one of our U&S Commands regarding dissemination guidelines for national estimates abroad. As you know, most national estimates (NIEs, SNIEs, IIMs) are routinely sent to the U&S Commands, but there are some cases in which security considerations restrict dissemination. I believe we have worked these procedures to our mutual satisfaction, but I wish to reconfirm them.

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My understanding of the DCI's policy is that all U&S Commanders will receive the national estimates that fall within their areas of responsibility. Most hard-copy estimates will be distributed via normal channels, but some special handling is required for exceptionally sensitive products. In these cases, the DCI will use the office of the CIA Representative to the individual U&S Commands to disseminate and control these special estimates. Furthermore, my understanding is that CIA will distribute the Key Judgments of most, if not all, estimates electrically to the respective CIA Representatives for use, as appropriate, with the individual CINCs and their J-2s. In sum, my understanding is that the U&S Commanders and their senior military intelligence officers will receive copies of the national estimates relevant to their missions, although the actual routing and control procedures will vary somewhat for those estimates requiring special handling.

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My objective is to insure that the U&S Commanders receive the best intelligence advice we can provide, and I believe the procedures I've summarized above will accomplish this. I solicit your confirmation that these procedures are accurate and, if not, any clarification or amplification that is necessary. Upon receipt of your reply, I will insure that the U&S J-2s understand the procedures that we are collectively using here.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. WILLIAMS
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army
Director

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